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SUBJECT: REV. CARL MCINTIRE, CHAIRMAN OF INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL  
OF CHURCHES COMMENTS ON KOREAN CHURCH SCENE

1. AMERICAN ANTI-COMMUNIST CRUSADER AND CHAIRMAN OF  
INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, CARL MCINTIRE,  
VISITED KOREA NOV 13-15 AT ROKG INVITATION. HE WAS  
RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT PARK FOR UNUSUALLY LONG HOUR  
AND A HALF INTERVIEW, GIVEN A LUNCHEON BY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
SPEAKER CHONG IL-KWON, AND APPEARED ON HOUR LONG KBS-TV  
PROGRAM.

2. IN HIS PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS HE PRAISED PRESIDENT PARK AS  
STALWART ANTI-COMMUNIST FIGHTER AND ENDORSED STERN  
MEASURES WHICH ROKG HAS TAKEN AGAINST CHRISTIAN PROTEST  
MOVEMENT AS FULLY JUSTIFIED IN LIGHT OF KOREA'S SECURITY  
PROBLEMS.

3. BOTH BEFORE LUNCHEON GUESTS AND ON TV HE DECLARED THAT HE  
HAD CAREFULLY EXAMINED SITUATION IN KOREA AND FOUND THAT HERE  
AS ELSEWHERE POLITICAL AND SOCIAL PROTEST MOVEMENTS OF CERTAIN  
"CHRISTIAN SECTS" HAD BEEN PROVOKED BY COMMUNIST AGENTS, WHO  
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THEREBY SOUGHT TO TARNISH KOREA'S INTERNATIONAL IMAGE AND DRIVE

WEDGE BETWEEN IT AND ITS FREE WORLD ALLIES. HE WARNED THAT WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN KOREA WAS ALSO HAPPENING ELSEWHERE, INCLUDING U.S. AND WAS PART OF MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY GUIDED FROM MOSCOW THROUGH RUSSIAN AND OTHER CLERGYMEN ACTING AS COMMUNIST AGENTS. HE ALSO TOOK OCCASION TO DENOUNCE CHURCHES AFFILIATED WITH WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AS SUSPECT, BECAUSE WCC ITSELF HAD ALREADY BEEN SUBVERTED BY COMMUNISTS.

4. REV. MCINTIRE'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS, WIDELY DISSEMINATED THROUGH KOREAN PUBLIC MEDIA, UPSET NCCC-K LEADERSHIP. AT JOINT BREAKFAST NOV 15 WITH A GROUP OF FOREIGN MISSIONARIES, NCCC-K DECIDED TO ISSUE A STRONG STATEMENT DENOUNCING REVEREND MCINTIRE AND A NUMBER OF KOREAN PROTESTANT LEADERS FOR THEIR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF ROKG TO DIVIDE AND WEAKEN CHURCH IN KOREA. IN ITS REPLY NCCC-K WILL STRESS ITS LONG ANTI-COMMUNIST RECORD AND WHAT IS CONSIDERS A GENERALLY RESPONSIBLE, BUT SO FAR FUTILE EFFORT TO SEEK DIALOGUE WITH ROKG LEADERSHIP ABOUT URGENCY OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL REFORMS.

5. NCCC-K ALSO PLANS SECOND STATEMENT WHICH WILL TAKE ISSUE WITH PRIMIN'S RECENT DECLARATION ON CHURCH RIGHTS AND ANNOUNCED MAJOR INTERFAITH RALLY TO BRING ITS POSITION BEFORE PUBLIC.  
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